

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Ashkenazi et al. Docket No: 39780-1618P2C49  
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For: **SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC  
ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

## BOX FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The present Preliminary Amendment is filed concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, is accompanied with a request for a two-month extension of time, and addresses the rejections raised in the Office Action mailed on April 21, 2003.

## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8(a))

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited on March 13, 2003, with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Box Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Date: September 22, 2003

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